

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Canceled)

a1 2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~7, wherein said web site comprises a web site with a graphical user interface and software to permit visitors to shop, view and purchase any one or more of said set of print device-ready fonts and said step of authorizing transfer comprises authorizing transfer after purchase of a selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said software to permit purchase comprises a financial services interface and supporting software for handling electronic purchase transactions.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~7, wherein said set of print device ready fonts comprise pre-tested fonts matched to print device models of common manufacturers and operating configurations.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~7, further comprising a step of accessing a configuration database to determine said set of compatible fonts based upon said information concerning a visitor's system configuration.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5-7, wherein said configuration database includes configuration and performance data for one or more print device products.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing and installing print device fonts, the method comprising:

maintaining a web site which facilitates selection from a set of print device-ready fonts;

through the web site, obtaining information concerning a visitor's system configuration;

through the web site, permitting selection from a set of compatible fonts within said set of print device-ready fonts, compatibility being determined based upon said information concerning a visitor's system configuration;

21 from the web site, authorizing transfer of a selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts; and

from the web site, installing said selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts on a visitor's print device; and

~~The method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of displaying potential estimated performance gains which may result from the purchase of a font selected by a visitor.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1-7, wherein said information concerning a visitor's system configuration includes one or more of an operating system version, CPU type, CPU speed, print device driver versions, print device models, and frequently used fonts.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a visitor's system automatically.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said software which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor system.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.

ai 12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~7, wherein said step of obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a visitor's system automatically.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein said software which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor system.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~7, wherein said step of obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~7, wherein said step of installing comprises launching software which configures the fonts onto the visitor's print device.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing print device fonts, the method comprising:

guiding, through a web site, a visitor through selection of one or more fonts compatible with a system configuration of the visitor;

determining a visitor's system configuration;

displaying potential estimated performance gains resulting from installation of a selected font based upon the visitor's system configuration;

offering to sell, through the web site, one or more fonts compatible with the system configuration of the visitor; and

from the web site, in response to a purchase by a visitor, installing said selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts on a visitor's print device.

17. (Currently Amended) A web site for distributing print device fonts, the web site being accessible over the Internet and comprising software for:

permitting a visitor to select fonts compatible with that visitor's system configuration;

displaying potential estimated performance gains which may result from installation of a font selected by the visitor;

determining whether to authorize installation of a selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts; and

installing said selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts on a visitor's print device in response to an authorization determined in said step of determining.

18. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for:
obtaining configuration information from a visitor's system; and
comparing obtained configuration information to a database including configuration
and performance data for multiple print device products; and
determining a set of fonts compatible with the system configuration of the visitor.

19. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for
requesting and processing visitor payment for a selected one or selected multiple compatible
fonts, wherein said step of determining whether to authorize includes determining whether
payment has been requested and processed by said software for requesting and processing.

20. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for
displaying graphical interfaces to guide a visitor through selecting one or multiple compatible
fonts.

21. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for
displaying fonts compatible with that visitor's system configuration.

22. (Original) The web site according to claim 17, further comprising software for
displaying a selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts

23. (Original) A method for distributing print device fonts through a web site, the method
comprising steps of:

maintaining a web site which permits a visitor to select from fonts determined to be
compatible with the visitor's system by an analysis of information obtained by the web site;

determining whether to authorize installation of a selected font or fonts;

installing, via the website, a font or fonts authorized for installation by said step of determining.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 22, further comprising a step of advertising fonts available through the web site.

25. (Newly Added) The method of claim 7, further comprising determining whether fonts currently used by the visitor system are detrimental to performance of the visitor system.

26. (Newly Added) The method of claim 16, further comprising determining whether fonts currently used by the visitor system are detrimental to performance of the visitor system.

27. (Newly Added) The method of claim 17, further comprising determining whether fonts currently used by the visitor system are detrimental to performance of the visitor system.
